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preferred duration for each multimedia object prior to starting playback of the multimedia object; and

resolving the duration of multimedia objects using said information based on actual multimedia object durations and actual delayed arrival time of information of multimedia objects to be played.

- 5. (Newly added) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of playing said each multimedia object.
- 6. (Newly Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein said actual multimedia object durations are larger than a preferred duration.
- 7. (Newly Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein said actual multimedia object durations are smaller than a preferred duration.